

First Episcopal District

African Methodist Episcopal Church

139th Session

New Jersey Annual Conference



District Theme
"Reach, Reclaim,
Engage, Empower"

Luke 10:1

March 23-27, 2011

Saint James A.M.E. Church
388 Martin Luther King Boulevard
Newark, New Jersey 07192

Bishop Richard F. Norris
Presiding Bishop

Mother Mary A. Norris
Episcopal Supervisor

Reverend William Watley
Host Pastor

Reverend Howard L. Grant
Host Presiding Elder





Our Episcopal Leaders

Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Bishop

Mother Mary A. Norris, Episcopal Supervisor



PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Monday, March 21, 2011

Evangelists - All Day

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

The New Jersey Annual Conference

Women's Missionary Society's

Annual Day

7:30 A.M. Annual Meeting

12 Noon WORSHIP SERVICE

Missionary Sermon

The Reverend Lynda T. Rassman

1:00 P.M. Recess

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Business Meeting

7:30 P.M. Missionary
Involvement Night

139th Session

New Jersey Annual Conference

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

8:00 A.M. Devotions
Conference Evangelists

8:30 A.M. Roll Call and Organization
Committee Appointments

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Annual Sermon

The Reverend Reginald T. Jackson

Order of Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

THE REVEREND HOWARD L. GRANT
Worship Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE ...

INTROIT ...

- * PROCESSIONAL AME Hymn No. 519
 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

* DOXOLOGY AME Hymn No. 647

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. James E. Deas, Sr.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the
house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates,
O Jerusalem.

**For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I
had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek
thy good.

**Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall
flourish in the courts of our God.**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have
loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

**For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth
keep silence before Him.**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my
heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength
and my redeemer.

**O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done
marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all the earth, sing praises.**

* HYMN OF PRAISEThe Rev. Vanessa Perry
"And Are We Yet Alive" - AME Hymn No. 304

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give For His redeeming grace.

Preserved by power divine To full salvation here,
Again in Jesus' praise we join, And in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed,
Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.

But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast Of His redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, Till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross Till we the crown obtain;
And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain.

INVOCATION The Rev. Dorrian Schenck

CHORAL RESPONSE AME Hymn No. 460
"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea; More love O Christ, To Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

SCRIPTURE ...

The Old TestamentThe Rev. William Evans
Psalm 149

The EpistleThe Rev. Teresa L. Rushdan
I Corinthians 3: 1-18

The Gospel..... The Rev. Archie Cummings
Matthew 9:35-38

- * PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE AME Hymn No. 69
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies,
 Let the Creator's praise arise;
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung
 Through ev'ry land by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
 Eternal truth attends Thy word:
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 Till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

- * THE DECALOGUE The Rev. Dennis Hughes

- * GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be To The Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.*

- ** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Rev. William D. Watley

- ** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

- * THE LITANY The Rev. Anthony Mitchell

ALMIGHTY GOD: Creator, Sustainer, Owner and Controller
 of all things—You, from whom every good and perfect gift has
 come—we remember Your loving kindness and Your tender
 mercy and with grateful hearts we lift our voices in praise and
 thanksgiving unto You.

We praise and thank You, Lord.

For the work we have done, for the truths we have learned
 and for all those things in life which have lifted our
 aspirations and hopes and have directed us toward You,

We praise and thank You, Lord.

For the order and constancy of nature and the beauty and bounty of the world; for the day and night, for summer and winter, for seedtime and harvest and for all those things entrusted to our care for a season,

We praise and thank You, Lord.

For the gift of Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, and for the helps and hopes that come to us as "called out ones,"

We praise and thank You, Lord.

For the African Methodist Episcopal Church—Your Church—for the mission, the message, the leadership, the membership and for the challenges and opportunities afforded us as extensions of Jesus' ministry, to respond to the urgent needs of our oppressed brothers and sisters wherever they may be,

We praise and thank You, Lord. Amen.

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP The Rev. Kahlil James

PRESENTATION OF

THE PREACHER Bishop Richard F. Norris
Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District
African Methodist Episcopal Church

** SERMONIC HYMN The Rev. Sharon Monsanto
"Break Thou the Bread of Life" - AME Hymn No. 209

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live With Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes, And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy word,
And in Thy book revealed I see the Lord.

Amen

- ** THE SERMON *Rev. 7:13-14* The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson
"These are They"
- ** INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. George Britt
- ** THE OFFERING ...
- * THE OFFERTORY ...
- ** INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS ...
- ** THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ...
- * DOXOLOGY ...
- * BENEDICTION The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson

* Stand

** Let the People Enter

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING SCHEDULE

1:00 P.M. --- Recess

2:45 P.M.

Devotions: Department of Evangelism

3:00 P.M.

Business Session

5:00 P.M. --- Recess

7:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Order of Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

7:30 P.M.

THE REVEREND MELVIN L. GUYTON

Worship Leader

* DOXOLOGYAME 647

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

* CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Ronald Green

Come sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul
be Jesus' guest.

**Ye need not one be left behind, for God has
bidden all to come.**

Sent by the Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all.

**Come all the world! Come sinners, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now.**

(All) Oh, come let us worship the Lord. Amen.

** HYMN OF PRAISEThe Rev. Stephen Bryant

"How Great the Wisdom" - AME Hymn No. 91

How great the wisdom, power and grace
Which in redemption shine!
The heavenly host with joy confess
The work is all divine, The work is all divine,
The work is all divine.

Before His feet they cast their crowns
Those crowns which Jesus gave
And with ten thousand thousand tongues
Proclaim His power to save, Proclaim His power to save,
Proclaim His power to save.

O let them still their voices raise,
 And still their songs renew;
 Salvation well deserves the praise
 Of men and angels, too, Of men and angels, too,
 Of men and angels, too.

INVOCATION The Rev. Daylan Greer

CHORAL RESPONSE AME Hymn No. 189

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
 Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
 Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
 And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

SCRIPTURE **Psalm 119:9-16** The Rev. Phillip Wilson

* GLORIA PATRI ...

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Rev. Vernon Peters

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

PRESENTATION OF

THE BISHOP The Rev. Kenneth Saunders

PRESENTATION OF

THE PREACHER Bishop Richard F. Norris

SERMONIC HYMN The Rev. Bertha Williams

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - AME Hymn No. 249

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
 Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was, Weary, and worn and sad;
 I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live,"
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light,
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.

SERMON ...

INVITATION TO

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. W. Golden Carmon

THE OFFERING ...

* THE OFFERTORY ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Richard F. Norris

Holy Communion

Bishop Richard F. Norris, Chief Celebrant
Assisted by Visiting Bishops, General Officers and
Local and Visiting Presiding Elders

COMMUNION HYMN AME Hymn No. 255
"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP AME Hymn No. 525
"What A Fellowship"

** DOXOLOGY ...

* BENEDICTION ...

* Stand

** Let the People Enter

Thursday, March 24, 2011

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M.

Devotions: Department of Evangelism

8:15 A.M.

Conference Institute

9:30 A.M.

Business Session

12 Noon

HOUR OF POWER

Order of Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011 - HOUR OF POWER

THE REVEREND ROBERT C. WADE

Worship Leader

* DOXOLOGYAME 647

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

* CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Gervine Bell

The law of the Lord is perfect,
converting the soul.

**The testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple.**

The statutes of the Lord are right, re-
joicing the heart.

**The commandments of the Lord
are pure, enlightening the eyes.**

**(All) Oh come, let us worship and
serve the Lord.**

** HYMN OF PRAISEThe Rev. M. Shawn Bradley

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

AME Hymn No. 62

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient Church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
 Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 Free our hearts to work and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the search for Thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,
 Serving Thee whom we adore,
 Serving Thee whom we adore.

INVOCATION The Rev. John C. Reynolds

CHORAL RESPONSE ...

SCRIPTURE **Proverbs 3:1-14**..... The Rev. Maurice D. Barnes

* GLORIA PATRI ...

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Rev. Linda B. Ellerbe

PRESENTATION OF

THE BISHOP The Rev. Lanxton L. Washington

PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER Bishop Richard F. Norris

** SERMONIC HYMN The Rev. Bertha Montgomery

"How To Reach the Masses" - AME Hymn No. 221

How to reach the masses, those of every birth,
 For an answer Jesus gave the key;
 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
 Will draw all men unto Me."

Refrain:

*Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity;
"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
Will draw all men unto Me."*

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread,
Lift the Saviour up for them to see;
Trust Him and do not doubt the words that He said,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,
Let the world in you the Savior see;
Then all will gladly follow Him who once taught,
"I'll draw all men unto Me."

SERMON ...

- * INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Derek V. Gatling
- ** OFFERING ...
- * THE OFFERTORY ...
- ** ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Richard F. Norris
- * DOXOLOGY ...
- * BENEDICTION

* Stand

** Let the People Enter

Thursday, March 24, 2011

THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING SCHEDULE

1:00 P.M. --- Recess

2:45 P.M.

Devotions: Department of Evangelism

3:00 P.M.

Business Session

5:30 P.M. --- Recess

7:30 P.M.

LAY ORGANIZATION WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, March 25, 2011

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M.

Devotions: Department of Evangelism

8:15 A.M.

Conference Institute

9:15 A.M..

Business Session

12 Noon

HOURLY HOUR OF POWER

Order of Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011 - HOUR OF POWER

THE REVEREND J. STANLEY JUSTICE

Worship Leader

* DOXOLOGYAME 647

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

* CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Wessie L. Spearman

From the rising of the sun unto the going
down Of the same, the Lord's name be
praised.

**The hour cometh and now is, when the
true worshippers shall worship the
Lord in spirit and in truth.**

We have come into the presence of the
Lord with singing, thanksgiving and
praise.

**Let us worship and praise the Lord
together.**

** HYMN OF PRAISEThe Rev. Arthur O. Hall, Jr.

"Let All the People Praise Thee" - AME Hymn No. 58

O magnify the Lord with me, Ye people of His choice
Let all to whom He lendeth breath Now in His name rejoice;
For love's blest revelation, For rest from condemnation,
For uttermost salvation To Him give thanks.

*(Refrain) Let all the people praise Thee,
Let all the people praise Thee!
Let all the people praise Thy name
Forever and forever more.
forever more, O Lord! Let more.*

O praise Him for His holiness, His wisdom and His grace;
Sing praises for the precious blood Which ransomed all our race;
In tenderness He sought us, From depths of sin He brought us,
The way of life then taught us, To Him give thanks.

Had I a thousand tongues to sing, The half could ne'er be told
Of love so rich, so full and free, Of blessings manifold;
Of grace that faileth never, Peace flowing like a river,
From God the glorious Giver, To Him give thanks.

INVOCATION The Rev. Lucille Wakefield-Moore

CHORAL RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God"

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON The Rev. Lanxton L. Washington
Matthew 10: 1-15

* GLORIA PATRI ...

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Rev. A. Marie Walker

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Choir

PRESENTATION OF
THE BISHOP The Rev. Stanley Hearst, Sr.

PRESENTATION OF
THE PREACHER Bishop Richard F. Norris

** SERMONIC HYMN The Rev. Cory D. Mosley
"More About Jesus Would I Know"
AME Hymn No. 210

More about Jesus would I know,
More of His grace to others show;
More of His saving fulness see,
More of His love who died for me.

*(Refrain) More, more about Jesus,
More, more about Jesus;
More of His saving fulness see,
More of His love who died for me.*

More about Jesus let me learn,
More of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be,
Showing the things of Christ to me.

More about Jesus on His throne,
Riches in glory all His own;
More of His kingdom's sure increase;
More of His coming, Prince of Peace.

SERMON ...

- * INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Terrell W. Person
- ** OFFERING ...
- * THE OFFERTORY...
- ** ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Richard F. Norris
- * DOXOLOGY ...
- * BENEDICTION

* Stand

** Let the People Enter

Friday, March 25, 2011

THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING SCHEDULE

1:00 P.M. --- Recess

2:45 P.M.

Devotions: Department of Evangelism

3:00 P.M.

Business Session

5:30 P.M. --- Recess

7:30 P.M.

YOUTH NIGHT

Under the Sponsorship of

The Department of Christian Education

Saturday, March 26, 2011

8:30 A.M.

YPD ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Devotions: The Department of Evangelism

9:00 A.M. - Business Session

9:30 A.M. - Memorial Service

10:00 A.M.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 27, 2011

8:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Church-School will be held at all member churches. The Conference Church-School Superintendent, however, will conduct a model Church-School at the seat of the Annual Conference. All superintendents are expected to be present for this "once a year" experience.

Church-School

BROTHER SAMUEL A. JONES, JR.

Conference Superintendent

Background Scripture:

I Timothy 5: 1-22

Printed Text:

I Timothy 5: 1-8, 17-22

Golden Text:

I Timothy 5:8

Golden Text:

**"If any provide not for his own, and specially for those
of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and
is worse than an infidel."**

I Timothy 5:8

10:00 A.M.

Closing and Commissioning Service

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SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011

10:00 A.M.

THE REVEREND RICHARD T. DRUID

Worship Leader

ORGAN PRELUDE

INTROIT ...

- * PROCESSIONAL AME Hymn No. 568
 “God of Our Fathers”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

- * DOXOLOGYAME Hymn No. 647

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- * CALL TO WORSHIPThe Rev. Danielle Hunter

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into
the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy
gates, O Jerusalem.

**For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will
seek thy good.

**Those that be planted in the house of the Lord,
shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I
have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor
dwelleth.

**For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth
keep silence before Him.**

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of
my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my
strength and my redeemer.

**O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done
marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the
Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

** HYMN OF PRAISE The Rev. Stoney Daggett

"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart"

AME Hymn No. 8

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

*(Refrain) Rejoice, Rejoice,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek;
Raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak.

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.

At last the march shall end,
The wearied ones shall rest,
The pilgrims find their Father's house
Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

INVOCATION The Rev. Laverne McClellan

CHORAL RESPONSE AME Hymn No. 611

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Hear Our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

SCRIPTURE ...

The Old Testament The Rev. Tammy Mitchell
Joshua 1:1-8

The Epistle The Rev. Juanita Henry
James 1: 12-20

The Gospel..... The Rev. Drena Garrett
Matthew 28: 11-20

* PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE AME Hymn No. 69
"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

* DECALOGUE (Summary) The Rev. Betty Clark

Hear what Christ our Saviour saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

* GLORIA PATRI

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC The Annual Conference Choir

GIFTS FOR MISSIONS The Rev. Wendy Mason-Harris

** WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC..... The Annual Conference Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOP The Rev. Regena Thomas

** SERMONIC HYMN The Rev. Donald Bellamy
 "I've A Message from the Lord" - AME Hymn No. 215

I've a message from the Lord, Hallelujah!
The message unto you I'll give;
'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah!
It is only that you "look and live."

Refrain:
"Look and live," my brother, live,
Look to Jesus now and live;
'Tis recorded in His word, Hallelujah!
It is only that you "look and live."

I've a message full of love, Hallelujah!
A message, O my friend, for you;
'Tis a message from above, Hallelujah!
Jesus said it, and I know 'tis true.

I will tell you how I came, Hallelujah!
To Jesus when He made me whole;
'Twas believing on His name, Hallelujah!
I trusted, and He saved my soul.

SERMON Bishop Richard F. Norris
 Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District
 African Methodist Episcopal Church

** INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Bishop Richard F. Norris

THE OFFERING ...

* THE OFFERTORY ...

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS Bishop Richard F. Norris

** SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ...

** ANNOUNCEMENTS Bishop Richard F. Norris

THE COMMISSIONING Bishop Richard F. Norris

THE CHARGE AME Hymn No. 242

"A Charge To Keep I Have"

A charge to keep I have, A God to Glorify,
A never dying soul to save And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage To do my Master's will!

Help me to watch and pray, And on Thyself rely
Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die. Amen.

THE GIVING OF
CERTIFICATES TO CONFERENCE OFFICERS ...

THE HYMN OF COMMISSION..... AME Hymn No. 220

"Go Preach My Gospel"

"Go, preach My gospel," saith the Lord,
"Bid the whole earth My grace receive.
Explain to them My sacred word;
Bid them believe, obey, and live."

"I'll make My great commission known,
And ye shall prove My gospel true
By all the works that I have done
And all the wonders ye shall do."

"Go, heal the sick; go, raise the dead;
Go, cast out devils in My name;
Nor let My prophets be afraid,
Though Greeks reproach and Jews blaspheme."

"While thus ye follow My commands
I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is trusted in My hands:
I can destroy and can defend."

He spake, and light shone round His head,
 On a bright cloud to heaven He rode.
 They to the farthest nation spread
 The grace of their ascended God.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE Matthew 10: 5-16

** THE READING OF
 APPOINTMENTS Bishop Richard F. Norris

* THE CLOSING HYMN AME Hymn No. 219

"Go Forth, Ye Heralds"

Hymn Tune - Woodworth (page 258)

Go forth, ye heralds, in My name,
 Sweetly the gospel trumpet sound;
 The glorious jubilee proclaim
 Where-e're the human race is found.

The joyful news to all impart,
 And teach them where salvation lies;
 With care bind up the broken heart,
 And wipe the tears from weeping eyes.

Be wise as serpents where you go,
 But harmless as the peaceful dove;
 And let your heaven-taught conduct show
 That you're commissioned from above.

Freely from Me ye have received;
 Freely, in love, to others give;
 Thus, shall your doctrines be believed,
 And by your labors sinners live.

* DOXOLOGY ...

* BENEDICTION Bishop Richard F. Norris

* Stand

** Let the People Enter

Bermuda

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New England

Delaware

Western New York

New York

Philadelphia

"We Lift As We Climb"

